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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

GILBERT *et al.*

Application No.: 09/211,691

Filed: December 14, 1998

For: FUSION PROTEINS FOR USE IN
ENZYMATIC SYNTHESIS OF
OLIGOSACCHARIDES

Examiner: Peter Tung, Ph.D.

Art Unit: 1652

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This communication is a preliminary amendment of a Continued Prosecution Application of United States Application No. 09/211,691, filed December 14, 1998, and is responsive to the Office Action dated February 26, 2001, in the prior application.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks in the examination of the Continued Prosecution application.

Please amend the application as follows.